

### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to correct minor informalities in those claims without narrowing their scope. No new matter has been added.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-10 are now pending in this application.

#### ***Double Patenting***

Claims 1-10 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrines of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/650,085 (“the ‘085 application”). Without conceding the propriety of the above double patenting rejection, and in order to further prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the ‘085 application is being filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the obvious-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-10 be withdrawn.

Furthermore, since this is the only applied rejection, applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

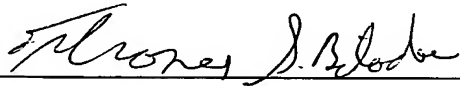
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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